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1. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION POSED IN PARA 3 REF A, WE THINK THAT IF THE ITALIANS WISH TO AMEND SEISMOLOGY PROPOSAL DRAFTED IN FEBRUARY 13-14 AD HOC MEETING (REF C), THEY OUGHT TO CIRCULATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND ALLIED DELEGATIONS A NOTE OUTLINING SUGGESTED CHANGES SO THAT NATIONAL EXPERTS CAN REVIEW THEM AND ALLIED DELEGATIONS CAN COME TO PLENARY PREPARED TO DISCUSS THEM.

2. WE NOTE THAT AD HOC MEETING PARTICIPANTS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT IF CCMS AND THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL APPROVED THE PROPOSAL, TEH FIRST MEETING OF EXPERTS COULD, IN THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING THE PILOT STUDY WORK PROGRAM, MODIFY THE PROPOSAL AS LONG AS THE ALTERATIONS WERE NOT FUNDAMENTAL. THERE IS PRECEDENT FOR THIS APPROACH: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFTER THE DRINKING WATER PILOT STUDY WAS APPROVED, THE EXPERTS DEVELOPED A MORE DETAILED PROGRAM THAN THE ONE ENVISIONED IN THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL.

3. IN OUR VIEW, CORTELLESSA EXAGGERATED HIS ROLE IN DRAFTING THE PROPOSAL ADOPTED BY AD HOC MEETING. HE DID SUBMIT FIRST DRAFT OF PROPOSAL, BUT U.S. EXPERT ROBERT

WESSON COMPLETELY REWROTE AND REVISED IT. IN THIS REGARD, WE WISH TO RECORD OUR GREAT APPRECIATION OF WESSON'S UNSTINTING EFFORTS DURING AD HOC MEETING. HIS SKILL IN NEGOTIATING AND IN DRAFTING ALLOWED MEETING TO CLARIFY AND AGREE ON SEISMOLOGY PROPOSAL. GLITMAN

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